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For: **Methods for Sterilizing Tissues**) Examiner: **Elizabeth McKane**
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TRANSMITTAL FORM

1. Transmitted herewith is a Statement of Substance of Interview in response to the Examiner Interview Summary dated January 24, 2007.
2. Extension of Time: The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) apply. Applicants do not believe an extension of time is required. However, if Applicants have overlooked the need for an extension of time, please consider this a petition therefore. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310.
3. Constructive Petition: **Except** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **constructive petition for extension of time** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3).

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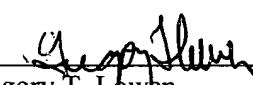
STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

In response to the Examiner Interview Summary dated January 24, 2007, the following statement is submitted in accordance with the requirements stated on the Interview Summary (Form PTOL-413).

Applicants believe that the claims as filed in the Amendment dated March 30, 2006 are allowable and patentably distinguishable over the prior art. Nevertheless, to expedite prosecution of this application, Applicants have agreed to provide the U.S. Patent Office with a declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 that shows the unexpected results observed when using a combination of DMSO, mannitol and propylene glycol in the gamma irradiation of biological tissues.

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